

EXHIBIT 56

In The Matter Of:

IN RE SEPTEMBER 11 LITIGATION

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10:17:32 1 THEODORE B. OLSON

10:17:36 2 board 77 as she was witnessing them or had just
10:17:37 3 witnessed them?

10:17:39 4 COUNSEL PRESENT: Object to the form.

10:17:41 5 THE DEPONENT: Well, I'm a little confused
10:17:45 6 by the form of the question, too. She was describing
10:17:49 7 to me what I assumed was what she was experiencing at
10:17:52 8 that time and had just immediately prior to that
10:17:58 9 experienced.

10:18:01 10 BY MS. FLOWERS:

10:18:04 11 Q After reporting to you that she was on an
10:18:08 12 airplane and the plane had been hijacked, did she tell
10:18:09 13 you anything further about weapons on board the
10:18:11 14 aircraft?

10:18:15 15 MS. MONAGHAN: Object to the form.

10:18:17 16 COUNSEL PRESENT: Object to the form.

10:18:21 17 THE DEPONENT: We had two telephone calls --
10:18:24 18 I'm sure you'll get to the second one -- and I'm not
10:18:25 19 100 percent sure what I learned in the first telephone
10:18:28 20 call versus the second telephone call.

10:18:30 21 At some point, I think it was the first
10:18:35 22 telephone call, she told me that the plane had been
10:18:40 23 hijacked. I remember her describing that the persons
24 who had hijacked the plane had used knives or had --
25 and presumably used -- knives and box cutters. I

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10:18:54 2 hadn't thought of box cutters in any respect since I
10:18:57 3 was a kid packing groceries in a grocery store years
10:18:59 4 before, but -- so it stood out in my mind that idea of
10:19:05 5 box cutters.

10:19:08 6 I had learned at some point that -- I asked her
10:19:13 7 whether the hijackers knew that she was on the phone,
10:19:16 8 and she told me that they did not know.

10:19:20 9 I asked her at some point where she was in the
10:19:25 10 airplane, and she -- because I knew she had started
10:19:28 11 out, I think she had been upgraded or -- First
10:19:35 12 Class -- I think she was expected to be in First
10:19:40 13 Class. And she at some point told me that they, the
10:19:46 14 passengers, had been herded, I think the word was, to
10:19:49 15 the rear of the airplane.

10:19:52 16 Let me tell you before you ask, but -- so that
10:19:58 17 it may move more smoothly -- it was a minute or so
10:20:02 18 that conversation and it was abruptly cut off.

10:20:06 19 I received shortly thereafter a second
10:20:10 20 telephone call from Barbara and spoke to her again,
10:20:10 21 somewhat longer the second time.

10:20:11 22 BY MS. FLOWERS:

10:20:13 23 Q Do you have a recollection about the length
24 of time between the two calls?

25 A I think it was only a few minutes between